

(d) The cost of acquisition of Talcher, Tanda and Unchahar Power Stations by NTPC are as follows:

Name of Power Station	Cost of acquisition by NTPC	Date of takeover
Talchar Thermal Power Station (460 MW)	Rs. 356 crores	3.6.1995
Tanda Thermal Power Station (440 MW)	Rs. 1000 crores	14.1.2000
Unchahar Thermal Power Station (420 MW)	Rs. 925 crores	13.2.1992

270 MW Captive Power Plant of BALCO

2816. DR. Y. RADHAKRISHNA MURTY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether NTPC is managing 270 MW captive power plant of BALCO;
- (b) if so, the present health of the plant;
- (c) the plant load factor during the last three years; and
- (d) the achievable power generation and plant load factor in the next ten years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir. As per O&M Agreement (effective from 29.6.1987) between NTPC and M/s. Balco, NTPC is managing the 270 MW Captive Power Plant of Balco.

(b) Presently, one unit is under operation and other three units are under shutdown due to less demand from the Bharat Aluminium Company.

(c) The PLF (%) of the plant during the last three years is as under:

1997-98	89.33%
1998-99	85.75%
1999-00	85.41%

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(d) The projected targets for the next 10 years to be fixed after discussing the past history of each unit and generation requirement of Bharat Aluminium Company as it is a captive power plant.

Model Legislation on Power Reform

2817. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Prime Minister recently inaugurated in New Delhi the Conference of Chief Ministers on "Power Reforms", appearing in the "Hindustan Times" dated the 4th March, 2001;

(b) if so, the details of discussion/recommendations made by the Conference pertaining to checking of mounting losses in power transmission, distribution and large-scale thefts of power in many States;

(c) how many States till date signed MOUs with Centre and agreed to float fresh bonds for revival of sick SEBs; and

(d) whether Government propose to bring forward any model legislation on power reforms for guidance of all States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir. A Conference of Chief Ministers and Power Ministers was held in New Delhi on 3.3.2001.

(b) The following resolutions were adopted in the Conference, to minimize power theft and transmission losses:

(i) Energy Audit at all 11 KV feeders within next six months and accountability to be fixed at the local level.

(ii) Full metering of all consumers by December, 2001.

(iii) Launching of effective programme for identifying and elimination of power theft in the next two years.

(iv) Current operations in distribution would need to reach break even in two years and achieve positive returns thereafter.

(c) So far the States of Karnataka, U.P., M.P., Haryana, Gujarat,